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Subject: Expansion of Long Beach Airport: Supportive Comments from a LB Resident

As a 30+ year resident of Long Beach, I'm appalled by the dissent and unwillingness of the airport-area residents and city council to actively move forward and take the necessary steps to keep Long Beach moving forward not backward NOW. The Long Beach airport has been in its current location for many years and I'm pretty sure that the majority of the residents in that area were aware of it's presence when they purchased their home! The airport and the it's service facilities are grossly outdated and require remodel and renovation. If Long Beach truly sees itself as the 'International City'...we should start acting like it and embrace any expansion which will bring commerce, tourism and transportation services to it's residents and guests. As I understand it...the results of the recent EIR study indicated that not only could the area sustain the planned expansion without harm to the community....but could also sustain an even more robust expansion...indicating that probably once again, Long Beach's vision of the expansion was not broad or long ranged enough. Now that these results are in, there again appears to be more roadblocks being put in place by the city council. These actions make me think that perhaps the council had a hidden agenda when they ordered the studies...and now that the results independent study were not what they expected...they've searching to reveal any new issues which might bring the results of the study into question. As an avid traveler (business and pleasure) and a Long Beach resident that hopes the residents of Long Beach cease seeing themselves as residents of a sleepy beach community, I fully support the expansion/remodel efforts and sincerely hope this project will be allowed to proceed. For those who oppose the project, I challenge them to cease using the LB airport and enjoy their drive to Orange County, Los Angeles or Ontario.

Sincerely,
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Wrigley-area resident of Long Beach

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